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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

  Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 3, 4, 5 , 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23 and 25 have been amended to read as follows:

3.   (Amended)   Method according to claim 1, characterized in that said data generation comprises the step of copying a synchronization pattern at least once into said at least one specific portion of the record carrier at a respective position normally not having a synchronization pattern.

4.   (Amended)   Method according to claim 1, characterized in that said generated data is arranged to be written to a lead-in portion and/or a middle area and/or a lead-out portion of a session recorded on the record carrier.

5.   (Amended)   Method according to claim 1, characterized in that said additionally generated data comprises a modified session pointer.

7.   (Amended)   Method according to claim 5, characterized in that said modified session pointer is arranged in the third session.

8.   (Amended)   Method according to claim 1, characterized in that said record carrier is a CD or DVD.

9.   (Amended)   Computer program having program code means to perform all steps according to claim 1, if the program is run on a computer.

13.   (Amended)   Record carrier according to claim 11, characterized in that said additionally generated data comprises at least one synchronization patttem at a respective position normally not having a synchronization pattern.

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14.   (Amended)   Record carrier according to claim 11, characterized in that said generated data is arranged within a lead-in portion and/or a middle area and/or a lead-out portion of a session recorded on the record carrier.

15.   (Amended)   Record carrier according to claim 11, characterized in that said additionally generated data comprises a modified session pointer.

17.   (Amended)   Record carrier according to claim 15, characterized in that said modified session pointer is arranged in the third session.

18.   (Amended)   Record carrier according to claim 11, characterized in that said record carrier is a CD or DVD.

22.   (Amended)   Record carrier writing device according to claim 20, characterized by being able to write synchronization patters to said at least one specific portion of the record carrier outside areas which are defined for synchronization patterns.

23.   (Amended)   Record carrier writing device according to claim 20, characterized by being able to write a modified session pointer.

25.   (Amended)   Record carrier writing device according to claim 23, characterized by being able to write said modified session pointer in the third session.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependencies. The filing fee has been calculated based upon this Preliminary Amendment. The attached is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"** and indicates the changes that have been made herein.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

3.   Method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that said data generation comprises the step of copying a synchronization pattern at least once into said at least one specific portion of the record carrier at a respective position normally not having a synchronization pattern.

4.   Method according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~ <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that said generated data is arranged to be written to a lead-in portion and/or a middle area and/or a lead-out portion of a session recorded on the record carrier.

5.   Method according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~ <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that said additionally generated data comprises a modified session pointer.

7.   Method according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~, characterized in that said modified session pointer is arranged in the third session.

8.   Method according to ~~anyone of the preceding claims~~ <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that said record carrier is a CD or DVD.

9.   Computer program having program code means to perform all steps according to ~~anyone of claims 1 to 8~~ <u>claim 1</u>, if the program is run on a computer.

13.   Record carrier according to claim 11 ~~or 12~~, characterized in that said additionally generated data comprises at least one synchronization patttern at a respective position normally not having a synchronization pattern.

14.   Record carrier according to ~~anyone of claims 11 to 13~~ <u>claim 11</u>, characterized in that said generated data is arranged within a lead-in portion and/or a middle area and/or a lead-out portion of a session recorded on the record carrier.

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15.   Record carrier according to ~~anyone of claims 11 to 14~~ claim 11, characterized in that said additionally generated data comprises a modified session pointer.

17.   Record carrier according to claim 15 ~~or 16~~, characterized in that said modified session pointer is arranged in the third session.

18.   Record carrier according to ~~anyone of claims 11 to 17~~ claim 11, characterized in that said record carrier is a CD or DVD.

22.   Record carrier writing device according to claim 20 ~~or 21~~, characterized by being able to write synchronization patters to said at least one specific portion of the record carrier outside areas which are defined for synchronization patterns.

23.   Record carrier writing device according to ~~anyone of claims 20 to 22~~ claim 20, characterized by being able to write a modified session pointer.

25.   Record carrier writing device according to claim 23 ~~or 24~~, characterized by being able to write said modified session pointer in the third session.

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